Drainage Committee Meeting' Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 4:30 Clock p.m.

- 1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jamie Ponville, Chairman; Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Michael Dias.
- 2. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve the resignation of Don Breaux and appointment Priscilla Mabile as his replacement on the PP/BR Consolidated Drainage District to serve his unexpired term." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 3. Police Juror Ron Alcorn entered the meeting at this time.
- 4. Chairman Jamie Ponville recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that the requested \$198 is for election and publication fees for the Lower Texas Gravity Drainage District.
- 5. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the committee approve payment of the additional election fees (\$198) for Lower Texas Gravity Drainage District." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 6. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Irving Comeaux, "THAT, the committee approve \$2,250 for 126 Faith St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 7. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,700 for Lee Drive & Mercury St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 8. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$1,560 for 116 Cousins St. Culvert Replacement Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 9. Committee member Myron Matherne offered a motion seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee approve \$900 for Boo & Danette St. Outfall Sweeping Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 10. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Drainage Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

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Jamie Ponville
Drainage Committee Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 4:40 O'clock p.m.

- 1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
- 2. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee approve payment of bills submitted through April 7, 2022." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 3. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Secretary-Treasurer, who stated that in the past, South Central Planning updated the Parish Ordinance book but they are no longer performing that task. Therefore, after speaking with the neighboring parishes, they use Municode by Civic Plus for their code of ordinance conversion and thereafter. She stated that for the initial conversion, republication and 5 binders the cost is \$1,370 and the annual fee thereafter will be \$3,000. Following a brief discussion regarding the services, she recommended that the committee make the investment.
- 4. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve contracting with Municode by Civic Plus for Code of Ordinance conversion." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 5. Chairman Patrick Johnson informed the committee of the National Day of Prayer that will be held at the APCC on May 7, 2022.
- 6. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres	Patrick Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer	Finance Committee Chairman

Personnel Committee Meeting Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 4:50 O'clock p.m.

- 1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Patrick Johnson.
 - Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naguin, Mr. Myron Matherne.
- 2. Chairman Chris Carter stated that at the last meeting the committee was reviewing some hiring procedures and personnel and the Secretary-Treasurer informed the committee that the office is growing and the work load is also growing. He stated that the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer would be a place to start. He then stated that in the next 22 months the office will have two (2) people retiring, the Housing will have 2 retiring in 3 years and 1 in the OHSEP Department. He then suggested that the Jury consider hiring an individual that can cross train minimal in all departments so they could render assistance when needed or when employees are out due to sickness or vacation. He then stated that the funding for that position can come from the salaries of the Judge, the secretary and differences in senior employees that are replaced with base salary employees. He further stated that he doesn't want the Parish to go through what the OHSEP Office is experiencing at this time. A brief discussion was then held regarding the suggestion. Following the discussion, Police Juror Jeff Naquin thinks it would be premature to make this hire and the task mentioned (accounting, payroll, Housing, OHSEP, etc.) is very large for 1 individual. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that she takes offense to the suggestion because she is currently taking steps to make sure positions are filled when retirements come up in the near future. Committee member Patrick Johnson stated that he understands both the suggestion, the stance of the Secretary-Treasurer and the difficulty of a person being knowledgeable in all departments. He further stated that following the current interviews, the Jury was impressed with the applicants and could consider such a person to be viable to the Parish. In response, he stated that advertisement would definitely be held. Committee member Irving Comeaux stated that he agrees with the Chairman relative to putting a person of this caliber in place at this time. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer informed the committee that Roberto Macedo, the company that handles the Section 8 Department, has informed her that someone in his office is retiring in September and he wants out of his contract. She stated that the contract Is through September 2023 and she responded to him stating he that he has no mechanism for exit however, she conferred with the ADA as well and concluded that he could just stop doing the work for the Parish. She stated that if he does end the contract, the Parish has no one to handle Section 8 which was the reason why it was contracted out. She stated that the program was in trouble for several years, never run properly, in non-compliance and failed each audit. Committee member Ron Alcorn stated that having a good audit is one thing but not servicing the people then we are failing the people in the Parish. She added that the Parish may be forced to bring it back and the current Housing staff is not knowledgeable. In response, the Chairman stated that he wasn't sure what happened before he became a Juror, but for all the complaints that he receives, the program should be brought back to the Parish because the constituents are not being served. A brief discussion was held regarding the early void of the contract and would he allow his employee to train someone from the Parish, etc. She then stated that this matter requires immediate attention and changes the conversation/suggestion that is being held. Following the discussion, the committee requested that the Secretary-Treasurer look further into the matter and discuss further at the next meeting.
- 3. Chairman Chris Carter stated that the Floodplain Manager/Permit Officer resigned and the deadline for acceptance of applications to fill the position is Friday, April 22, 2022. In response, the Secretary-Treasurer stated that 3 applications have been received and neither has experience or no basic knowledge of the position. The Chairman stated that the person hired will need to receive training. The OHSEP Director stated that there are some internal discussions in the office and a possibility that a current employee may be interested in taking it over. He also stated that it will still leave an important position to fill and trained which can be very over whelming. He added that it should be two (2) people for that position, Floodplain Manager and Permit Clerk to run the department properly. In response, OHSEP Director Tommy Long stated that he attended a FEMA course dealing with debris management and grants and the Mayor of Denham Springs was one of the instructors. He stated that within his presentation he mentioned he has a 2 person permitting office and both positions are currently open. After announcement of the openings, he was overwhelmed with the number of applicants received and qualified. He then suggested that the Jury consider contacting him to seek the difference in duties, pay, sharing the resumes, etc. Committee member Patrick Johnson stated that the Jury would have to incentivize this position to attract a person to travel for the offered pay. He also mentioned that the Superintendent mentioned how they are utilizing the Cares Act funds to assist in the roles/positions they have vacant to get qualified personnel. The OHSEP Director stated that in the other parishes, floodplain managers are not planning and zoning or permit managers they are all individual positions. In response, he stated that his official last day of work is September 20, 2022 and his retirement date is at the end of October 2022. He also stated that currently, he and his staff still fulfill all the hats due to the lack of staff because the Office can't be closed down. He proceeded to explain how the knowledge was acquired over years and stated that for a new

person to grasp it all will be difficult. He stated that his position is comprised of 6 positions in other parishes. A brief discussion was held regarding the positions that should be filled, Floodplain Manager/Planner (Permit Clerk) and an Assistant.

- 4. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that Savanah Weatherford, Animal Control is nearing successful completion of her probationary period effective April 12, 2022. He then stated that Jamal Amos, Equipment Operator I is also nearing his successful completion of his probationary period effective April 16, 2022. Therefore, he recommends that they both be considered and kept on as full-time employees.
- Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve the recommendation of the Parish Manager for successful completion of probationary period for Savanah Weatherford and Jamal Amos on their respective dates." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 6. Chairman Patrick Johnson recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that the maintenance employee is back at work but because of requirements by FMLA, the request is required. He stated that he was out for 6 days but the request will be for 2 weeks.
- 7. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve 2 weeks of FMLA leave for a maintenance employee." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 8. The Parish Manager stated that authorization was granted to him to hire an Equipment Operator II at the last meeting. He stated that he hired Paul Hebert at a grade 5 step 18 at \$17.70 per hour.
- 9. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve hiring Paul Hebert, Equipment Operator II at a grade 5 step 18 at \$17.70 per hour." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 10. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Personnel Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres	Chris Carter
Secretary-Treasurer	Personnel Committee

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 5:05 O'clock p.m.

- Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Jeff Naquin, Chairman; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne, Mr. Patrick Johnson. Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville.
- 2. Chairman Jeff Naquin recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard, who stated that the Jury received a consolidated list of the piles for April. He stated that he reviewed the list and there are a few piles in Ward 7 that are not on the list provided to the Parish. He then stated that the issue he has is the determination of what is contractor's debris and what's not and what's 4 yards and what's not. He stated that the Jury is allowing the contractor to decide these things therefore, piles are not being picked up. Mr. Blanchard stated that Juror Ponville informed him that the contractor picked up a mobile home that had been torn down but he's being told that within the contract they can't pick up mobile homes. He then stated that It may not state it in the contract but it does state that if its owner generated debris, it will be picked up. He then stated that the contractor is not being consistent from Ward to Ward and if the contract needs to be reworded then the Jury needs to consider. Committee member Chris Carter stated that there are different drivers on the trucks and one driver may pick up what's there but another driver will only pick up the stipulated amount. Police Juror Jamie Ponville stated that he had a constituent to tell him that the truck picked up 1 bucket full and drove off for at least 2 pick-ups. He stated that he took pictures of the piles and what was left behind. He also stated that he spoke with the contractor and requested a manifest of their dumping to compare to the list and was told he didn't have to provide the Jury with that information. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that he has constituents with piles under the powerline therefore, he would like the contractor to put a door hanger or something to those customers informing them as to why the pile is not being picked up. A brief discussion was then held regarding the things that are unacceptable by the contractor. He also stated that the contractor needs to be made aware of the provisions in the contract for liquidated damages and stated that there are one-half dozen on the April list therefore, the Jury will begin submitting them. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard stated that he has a pile that consist of a trailer that was torn down on Hwy 998 in the parish ditch and blocking drainage. He stated that it's been on the list since September and the contractor has stated he will not pick it up. Chairman Jeff Naquin stated that liquidated damages require paper trail. He then suggested that each Juror formulate their list on non-picked up piles. Following the discussion, Chairman Jeff Naquin requested that a letter be sent to the contractor requesting an answer as to why only 2 yards and not 4 are being picked up and to have them at the next meeting.
- 3. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Solid Waste Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres Secretary-Treasurer	Jeff Naquin, Chairman Solid Waste Committee

Engineering/Grants Committee Meeting Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 5:10 O'clock p.m.

- 1. Committee members recorded as present were: Mr. Irving Comeaux, Chairman; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Patrick Johnson.
 - Other Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Myron Matherne.
- Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Jacob Loeske, GIS Engineering, who stated that they have been looking into the models, pump stations, drainage areas, updating levee heights and seeing what canals needed to be added for survey. He stated that they are seeing areas of risk reduction which means they are running the model seeing areas where the water elevations can be lowered. Mr. Loeske then explained that they looked at the South closure with a 100-year surge and 25-year rain event. He proceeded to run a few examples and explained the particulars. He stated that they have several guys tracking funding inside the capital daily. They are also working with the levee boards and other parish presidents on the entire regional approach. He added that it will take efforts by everyone because Assumption Parish is getting everyone's water and they want to work on it before it gets to the parish. In response, he stated that the Police Jury President has signed the form for Natural Resource Conservation Service and he's working with the Secretary-Treasurer on a letter that's going to Lower Delta (Soil & Water Conservation District). He stated that Lower Delta received the letter and if this would be a contract with them, the Parish would be the sponsor, no match required and the process will take over where GIS stops. He further stated that Lower Delta has a watershed study and would fund what comes from the study on the engineering and design side and get the environmental clearance for the package and then fund the construction. He further stated that this is a 2-3 yr. process. Mr. Loeske stated that this is a win win situation, it's a time consuming deal and he believes it would be beneficial to get the remaining of the watershed study completed though the federal agency.
- 3. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve funds from the GOMESA Construction bond for the 25% match for Plattenville Drainage Improvements CEA 50-J04-21-02 \$600,000, Assumption Pumps and Drainage CEA 50-J04-21-03 \$41,667 and Lee Drive Repaving CEA 50-J04-21-01 \$100,000." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 4. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve to authorize the President to sign CEAs with the State of Louisiana for Capital Outlay Project Plattenville Drainage Improvements, Planning and Construction CEA 50-J04-21-02 with approved match (\$600,000)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 5. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the committee approve to adopt a resolution designating Patrick Johnson to act on behalf of Assumption Parish, in all matters pertaining to the project Plattenville Drainage Improvements, Planning and Construction CEA 50-J04-21-02, including certifying requests for State disbursements with approved match." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 6. Relative to Attakapas Landing, Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Engineer, who stated that he was requesting approval so he could send to the Fire Marshall's Office, etc. to apply for the permits. In response, committee member Michael Dias requested that the matter be tabled so that he can review the final plans.
- 7. The Parish Engineer stated that the Bertrandville Canal Outfall Project fell under the \$1.5 million GOMESA funds and the plans and specifications are ready to advertise. He stated that he met with Police Juror Chris Carter and he approved the plans.
- 8. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to advertise for the Bertrandville Canal Outfall Clearing Project (\$100,000)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 9. The Parish Engineer explained the details of the Belle Rose Lane Canal Improvement Project with minor adjustments. He stated that the plans are completed and prior to the next meeting he will be ready to go out for bids.
- 10. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to advertise for the Belle Rose Lane Canal Drainage Improvement Project (\$220,000)." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 11. The Parish Engineer stated that the Lee Drive Paving Project was a Capital Outlay Project and Juror Ponville made some culvert additions to the plans. He stated that he's requesting authorization to advertise because he will be ready to bid out prior to the next meeting.

- 12. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the Parish Engineer to advertise the Lee Drive Repaving Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 13. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized Police Juror Myron Matherne, who stated that 3-4 dozen of the homes on Gerald St. flood every year and the Parish Engineer submitted a quote of \$236,950 to construct a levee behind the street with pumps. He stated that he would like to get these funds budgeted from the GOMESA Construction Bond fund. A brief discussion was then held regarding a drainage district. In response, he stated that the area will be creating a district in the near future.
- 14. Committee member Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee approve allocating \$236,950 of GOMESA Construction Bond funds for Gerald St. Levee and Pumps Project." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 15. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Leroy Blanchard, who stated that Mr. Disher of Cajun Broadband advised that Charter filed a protest for both of the Parish application areas. He stated that Charter sited that they already supply service to those areas. He then stated that Mr. Disher is requesting authorization from the Jury to protest against Charter's protest using the documentation that we have showing those residents don't have services and to support his argument. He added that in 2020 a letter was sent to Charter requesting 300 ft. of service on Hwy 402. The response was that it was not economically feasible for them to provide and that is the area being requested for broadband.
- 16. Committee member Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee authorize Cajun Broadband to protest Charter's protest so that they can allow our grant application to proceed." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 17. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the Parish Manager, who stated that he spoke with the head project manager for the Pear St. Project and he stated that the right of way documents are what is needed. He also informed that this is a slow moving process and that the State Is in the process of assigning it a project number. In response, the Parish Manager stated that he only had information on Pear St. Following a brief discussion, there were no actions taken.
- 18. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized committee member Leroy Blanchard, who requested to discuss the resolution of support in delaying the implementation of FEMA Risk 2.0 flood insurance premium in the regular meeting.
- 19. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that the Emergency Debris Removal Services contract expires in the middle of June. Therefore, he is requesting permission to advertise for RFPs and open and score proposals.
- 20. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and authorize the OHSEP Director to advertise for RFPs for Professional Emergency Debris Removal Services." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 21. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who presented each member with a copy of a request for construction of Cypress Haven RV Park. He stated that the requirement is a no objection letter however, due to the circumstances in the area, the developer is requesting to redo the water plan for the park. He then stated that the letter of intent from the Fire Chief indicates issues with the Jury granting no objection before It's constructed however, the developer doesn't have the proper infrastructure to put in a waterline and hydrant system and has an alternate plan to use the pond to provide fire protection. He then stated that the developer thinks the requirements for washeteria should not apply because its only 12 spots and there's one located 1/4 of mile away. The OHSEP Director then stated that the location is in the woods and all the property that surrounds it belongs to the developer therefore, he would like to be exempt from the fencing requirements. He stated that the nearest neighbor did sign a letter of no objection. He further stated that everything else is in compliance. In response, the Fire Chief stated that his only objection is that the road and ramp should be completed before he submits his letter of no objection. In response, the OHSEP Director stated that this request is for construction approval not final. A brief discussion was then held regarding a previous approval granted by the Police Jury and objected by the Fire Chief.
- 22. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the committee grant construction approval of Cypress Haven RV Park in Pierre Part." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 23. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the committee approve and accept Palmetto Court into the 911 System." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 24. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who stated that he received letters of no objection from the Fire Department, Waterworks as well as an amended subdivision plat. He

- stated that the lot that was in non-compliance has been combined therefore, the subdivision is in compliance. He stated that all requirements are met and recommends approval.
- 25. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee grant final approval for subdivision of property along Sugar Cane Lane in Pierre Part." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 26. The OHSEP Director stated that the surveyor amended the plat for the subdivision of property along Morris Court in Pierre Part by including not for development, in red, on those lots that are in non-compliance. He recommended approval.
- 27. Committee member Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the committee grant final approval for subdivision of property along Morris Court in Pierre Part." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 28. Chairman Irving Comeaux recognized the OHSEP Director, who proceeded with the update on the Disaster Recovery Grants
 - Generator Project They are still working through the process trying to get all the load testing done. He stated that the Parish Engineer is working with the contractor to make sure things are being done.
 - Hurricane Ida They continue to work with FEMA. A conference call was held today and the Parish Engineer indicated that he should have the letter for the clean-up of waterways completed by Tuesday. Once the letter is received, it will be submitted to FEMA. He then stated that the Parish Manager is working with trying to get the buildings inspected and the repairs done.
- 29. Committee member Michael Dias offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Engineering/Grants Committee, the meeting be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres	Irving Comeaux, Chairman
Secretary-Treasurer	Engineering/Grants Committee

Public Hearing (Proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance) Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 5:45 O'clock p.m.

- 1. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Ron Alcorn, Mr. Jeff Naquin, Mr. Irving Comeaux, Mr. Michael Dias, Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Mr. Jamie Ponville, Mr. Myron Matherne.
- 2. Chairman Patrick Johnson stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments, questions or concerns regarding the Proposed amendments to the Solid Waste ordinance. He opened the meeting to the Public for comments. Following three (3) calls, there were no comments received.
- 3. Committee member Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, there were no further business to come before the Public Hearing, the hearing be adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kim M. Torres	Patrick Johnson
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Secretary-Treasurer	Chairman

Regular Meeting Of the Assumption Parish Police Jury

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:00 O'clock p.m.

- 1. The Regular Meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury was called to order by Police Jury President Patrick Johnson in the Assumption Parish Police Jury Chamber at 4813 Highway 1, Napoleonville, Louisiana.
- 2. Police Jurors recorded as present were: Mr. Ron Alcorn, Ward 1; Mr. Jeff Naquin, Ward 2; Mr. Irving Comeaux, Ward 3; Mr. Patrick Johnson, Ward 4; Mr. Michael Dias, Ward 5; Mr. Chris Carter, Ward 6; Mr. Leroy Blanchard, Ward 7; Mr. Jamie Ponville, Ward 8; Mr. Myron Matherne, Ward 9.
- 3. President Patrick Johnson led the Prayer and Police Juror Chris Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the minutes of March 23, 2022 and March 28, 2022." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 5. President Patrick Johnson opened the meeting to the public for any public comments, questions or concerns regarding the items listed on the agenda. President Patrick Johnson recognized Don Breaux, Pierre Part, who requested clarification regarding construction on Sugar Cane Lane and Morris St. until all parish requirements are met In response, the OHSEP Director stated that that is correct for Morris St. and it's stated on the plat. He then stated that Sugar Cane Lane plat has been amended and the last three (3) lots are now one (1) lot which brings it into compliance. He then stated that if the Jury thinks they will build a levee, provide pumps and the residents are going to tax themselves after the fact, this won't happen. He then stated that his drainage district previously spent funds on an engine and an election therefore, this needs to be considered in the future. Following three (3) calls, there were no further comments received.
- 6. President Patrick Johnson recognized Drainage Committee Chairman Jamie Ponville, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters; the resignation of Don Breaux and appointment of Priscilla Mabile as his replacement on the PP/BR Consolidated Drainage District to serve his unexpired term, payment of the additional election fees (\$198) for Lower Texas Gravity Drainage District, \$2,250 for 126 Faith St. Culvert Replacement Project, \$1,700 for Lee Drive & Mercury St. Culvert Replacement Project, \$1,560 for 116 Cousins St. Culvert Replacement Project and \$900 for Boo & Danette St. Outfall Sweeping Project.
- 7. Police Juror Jamie Ponville offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Drainage Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
- 8. President Patrick Johnson stated that the Finance Committee met and recommended the following matters: payment of bills submitted through April 7, 2022 and a contract with Municode by Civic Plus for Code of Ordinance conversion.
- 9. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
- 10. President Patrick Johnson recognized Personnel Committee Chairman Chris Carter, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: discussed the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, discussed the Parish Permit Office as well as hiring and training of the staff, approved the successful completion of probationary period for Savanah Weatherford, Animal Control Officer effective 4/12/22 and Jamal Amos, Equipment Operator 1 effective 4/16/22, 2 weeks FMLA leave for maintenance employee and the hiring of Paul Hebert, Equipment Operator II at a grade 5 step 18, \$17.70 per hour.
- 11. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Personnel Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
- 12. President Patrick Johnson recognized Solid Waste Committee Chairman Jeff Naquin, who stated the committee met and had an extensive discussion on bulky waste, the contract details, liquidated damages and requested that a letter be sent requesting that they attend the next meeting.

- 13. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jamie Ponville, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Solid Waste Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 14. President Patrick Johnson recognized Police Juror Leroy Blanchard, who stated that the policies for the FEMA Risk 2.0 Flood Insurance premium has increased tremendously due to the current rating. He then stated that Congress is taking action due to the delay of implementation. He stated that other surrounding parishes are supporting the delaying of this FEMA risk production until the parish has some input on the matter. He read a proposed resolution that he will request the Police Jury to adopt.
- 15. President Patrick Johnson recognized Mrs. Beryl Gomez, who complimented Police Juror Leroy Blanchard on the strong resolution and thanked the Jury for caring for the constituents of the Parish and rendering assistance. She stated that she knows how to get a company to rerate her but stated that the issue is that everything has changed with how flood rates were determined, by the flood maps and elevation certificates, but it's no longer the case. She further explained how homes will have to be priced so that the buyers can afford to purchase with insurance included and those that require flood insurance.
- 16. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a resolution in support of delaying the implementation of FEMA Risk 2.0 flood insurance premiums." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolution attached)
- 17. President Patrick Johnson recognized Engineering/Grants Committee Chairman Irving Comeaux, who stated that the committee met and recommended the following matters: received an update on the Drainage Master Plan & Flood Mitigation Project by GIS Engineering, the use of funds from the GOMESA Construction bond for the 25% match for Plattenville Drainage Improvements CEA 50-J04-21-02 - \$600,000, Assumption Pumps and Drainage CEA 50-J04-21-03 - \$41,667 Lee Drive Repaving CEA 50-J04-21-01 - \$100,000, authorized the President to sign CEA's with the State of Louisiana for Capital Outlay Projects, Plattenville Drainage Improvements, Planning and Construction CEA 50-J04-21-02 with approved match, adopted resolution designating Patrick Johnson to act on behalf of Assumption Parish, in all matters pertaining to the project, Plattenville Drainage Improvements, Planning and Construction CEA 50-J04-21-02, including certifying requests for State disbursements with approved match, authorized the Parish Engineer to advertise for the Bertrandville Canal Outfall Clearing Project, the Belle Rose Lane Canal Drainage Improvement Project and the Lee Drive Repaving Project, allocated \$236,990 of GOMESA funds for Gerald St. Levee and Pumps Project, authorized Cajun Broadband to submit a protest against Charter's protest relative to the Gumbo Grant, received an update on the Hwy 1247 take over project, advertised for RFPs for Profession Emergency Debris Removal Services, construction of Cypress Haven RV Park, Pierre Part, accepted Palmetto Court into the 911 System, granted final approval of subdivision of property along Sugar Cane Lane, granted final approval of subdivision of property along Morris Court and received an update on Disaster Recovery Grants.
- 18. Police Juror Irving Comeaux offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Myron Matherne, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the Engineering/Grants Committee report as presented." The motion was unanimously adopted. (resolutions attached)
- 19. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police Jury approve adoption of Ordinance 22-04 amending the Solid Waste Ordinance." The motion was unanimously adopted. (ordinance attached)
- 20. Police Juror Leroy Blanchard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, "THAT, the Police jury approve a gaming permit for St. Jules Catholic Church." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 21. President Patrick Johnson requested that an approval is needed for the introduction of the Redistricting Plan Amendment 3A as prepared by SCPDC and to call for a public hearing at the next meeting.
- 22. Police Juror Jeff Naquin offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, "THAT, the Police Jury approve the introduction of the Redistricting Plan Amendment 3A as prepared by SCPDC and call for a public hearing." The motion was unanimously adopted.
- 23. Police Juror Ron Alcorn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, "THAT, the Police Jury approve a liquor license for Carter's Lawn Care, Loyalty Ova Life, DG Soft Wash & Pressure Wash, Capital City Services, Erin Blanchard, Belle River Boat and RV Storage and BJ's Detailing Services." The motion was adopted with Chris Carter and Myron Matherne abstaining.

24. Police Juror Chris Carter offered a motion, seconded be no further business to come before the Assumption adjourned." The motion was unanimously adopted.	
Kim M. Torres Secretary-Treasurer	Patrick Johnson President

On a motion by Police Juror Jeff Naquin, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and accept Palmetto Court into the 911 System.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve, authorize and ratify the hiring of Paul Hebert, Equipment Operator II, at a Grade 5 Step 18 at a rate of \$17.70 per hour.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a maximum of 2 weeks of medical leave for the Maintenance Worker at the Assumption Parish Community Center as allowed under the Family Medical Leave Act. All benefits and associated premiums are 100% the responsibility of the employee during the FMLA leave of absence.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Ron Alcorn, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the end of probationary period for the following employees accordingly:

Savanah Weatherford, Animal Control Officer Jamal Amos, Equipment Operator I Effective 4/12/2022 Effective 4/16/2022

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Leroy Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Michael Dias, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby formally request that Congress delay implementation until local governments have been offered a public comment period to address the following:

- (1) Clarification from FEMA on how additional perils outside of storm surge and rainfall are factored into the National Flood Insurance Program;
- (2) Clarification from FEMA of how full risk rating is calculated,
- (3) Report from FEMA including data on how many current policyholders have been offered to opt into the new system since October 2021, broken down by state,
- (4) Further information on how FEMA takes into consideration feasibility and sustainability into the fiscal calculation of the program's deficit plan, and
- (5) Transparency of full risk rates with the ability to appeal the rate components provided by FEMA's rating system must always be a constituents' right to validate accuracy of rates for their property.

WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish Police Jury supports the Flood Insurance Pricing Transparency Act presented by Louisiana U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy, John Kennedy with Kirsten Gillibrand presented on March 14, 2022 that would require FEMA to delay the higher premiums until the administration releases more information about how the new rates are calculated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assumption Parish Police Jury supports legislation introduced on April 1, 2022 by Congressman Garret Graves and Senator Troy Carter, co-sponsor, to authorize FEMA to give refunds to individuals who have already paid in excess of their prior premiums.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Chris Carter, seconded by Mr. Jeff Naquin, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize a contract with Municode powered by CivicPlus for the Republication, Supplementation and Online Code Hosting Services for the following services:

1 x Conversion & Republication 5 Binders	\$1,020 350 <u>\$1,370</u>
Annually, thereafter Supplemental Service Online Code Hosting MuniDocs	\$2,200 450 350 \$3,000

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant construction approval for Cypress Haven RV Park located in the Pierre Part Community.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant final approval for the subdivision of property along Sugar Cane lane in the Pierre Part community.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby grant final approval for the subdivision of property along Morris Court in the Pierre Part Community.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize Cajun Broadband to protest Spectrum-Charter's protest of the Assumption Parish GUMBO applications submitted on behalf of Assumption Parish and their claim that they currently provide services in the areas requested.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and allocate the following match dollars to be funded from the GOMESA Bond Construction funds:

Plattenville Dr. Improvements	CEA 50-J04-21-02	\$600,000
Assumption Pumps and Drainage	CEA 50-J04-21-03	\$ 41,667
Lee Drive Repaving Project	CEA 50-J04-21-01	\$100,000

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize its President, Patrick Johnson as designated to act on behalf of Assumption Parish, in all matters pertaining to the project – Plattenville Drainage Improvements and Construction CEA 50-J04-21-02, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assumption Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and authorize its President, Patrick Johnson to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for Capital Outlay Project — Plattenville Drainage Improvements, Planning and Construction - CEA 50-J04-21-02 with the approved match of \$600,000 to be funded through GOMESA Bond Construction funds.

Upon being placed to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Jeff Naquin, seconded by Mr. Chris Carter, the following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PARISH OF ASSUMPTION AMENDING CHAPTER 9: Garbage, Trash, Hazardous Waste and Weeds – SUB-CHAPTER B – Solid Waste Management Program SECTION 9:59: Solid Waste Policy and Rate Structure

SECTION 9:59. SOLID WASTE POLICY AND RATE STRUCTURE

- H. Exemptions for garbage rate collection fees will only be granted for the following:
 - 1. Farmers filling fertilizer tanks with NO structure on lot
 - 2. Vacant lots with NO structure (Gardens allowed)
 - 3. Commercial exemptions ONLY with proof of a valid dumpster service contract

WHEREAS, all other sections of the ordinance remain the same.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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Yeas:	9		
	Nays:	0	
	Absent:	0	
	And the ordi	nance was declared a	dopted this 14th day of April, 2022.
	Kim M. Torr		Patrick Johnson
	Secretary-T	reasurer	President